



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

November 19, 2015
Milpitas Community Center, Rooms 7&8
457 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: October 29, 2015

V. Approval of Agenda: November 19, 2015

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. Reschedule December Meeting to December 17 or Cancel December Meeting

Background: Commission bylaws call for meetings to be set one week prior a holiday when such falls on a regular meeting date. The regularly-scheduled December meeting falls on Christmas Eve. Staff recommends either conducting the next meeting on December 24, or canceling the December meeting pending review of upcoming agenda items per the FY15-16 Annual Work Plan.

Recommendation: Discuss and consider a motion to conduct the December meeting on the 17th or to cancel the December meeting.

IX. Old Business

1. Sister City Relationship with a City in Latin America

Background: The SCC expressed interest in exploring possible sister cities in Latin America. Council Liaison Grilli is leading the research.

Recommendation: Receive update from Council Liaison Grilli.

2. City Plaza Signs

Background: The SCC expressed interest in placing signs about our sister cities in the City Plaza and has set this as a work plan item. A recommendation needs to go from the SCC to the City Council once research is completed.

Recommendation: Staff will review sign samples to receive a direction for estimating cost of the signs.

3. Seongnam City, Draft Memorandum of Understanding Review

Background: Staff communicated with Seongnam City representative Dr. Eun-Hee Koo regarding review of the proposed MOU. Milpitas will wait for Seongnam to provide another draft that will include omitted items from the original draft. Staff also advised Ms. Koo that Seongnam may recommend additional changes, if desired.

Recommendation: Receive updates from staff, as available.

4. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Background: This project began with 13 students matched with Tsukuba students. Dagupan and Huizhou have been contacted regarding their interest in participating this academic year. There are 55 Milpitas High School, Digital Business Academy students participating.

Recommendation: Receive staff report.

5. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Vice Chair Arbaugh is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

6. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. A lead commissioner is needed for this sister city relationship.

Recommendation: Determine a lead commissioner. Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

7. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this relationship.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

VI. Student Liaison Report

VII. City Council Liaison Report

VIII. School District Liaison Report

IX. Future Agenda Items

- a. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
- b. MOU Display on 2nd Floor of Milpitas City Hall

X. Adjournment

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